IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as follows.

The attached replacement sheet includes changes to Figure 2.

The replacement sheet, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2. In Figure 2, previously omitted labels have been added and the abbreviations originally used for blocks 226 and 228 have been spelled out.

Replacement Sheet 2/9 Synchronize Buffer Failover Buffer 222 202 204 206 214 Rcv 0 Rcv 1 Rcv 2 S S Multihop Buffer 229 Address Buffer 220 216 М Α D М М D D Data Buffer 218 Failover Fifos -224 Failover FIFO A Failover FIFO B -228 226 238 236 234 230 **CRC CRC** CRC

Fig. 2

Xmit 2

212

Xmit 1

210

Xmit 0

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Transmitter Buffer 232